GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4609
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PURCHASE OF EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

to the reply given to the Unstarred question No. 3294 dated December 10, 2001 regarding Purchase of Sub-standard Quality Explosives and state:

(a):the total quantity and value of the explosive materials purchased from different companies for different projects during last three years:

(b):whether a committee has been set up to test the quality of explosives;

(c): if so, the details thereof;

(d): whether the Government propose to carry out distribution of explosives through stores in order to bring transparency in purchasing and carrying out explosions; and

(e): if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL & MINES(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): The project-wise quantity with value of SMS explosives purchasedfrom different companies in Northern Coalfields Limited during the last three years are given at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): A committee was set up by Coal India Limited in August, 1999 for ascertaining testing facilities available at the factories of the manufacturers of explosives, testing being conducted on raw material as well as on the finished product for quality control, R&D facilities and technical service facilities available. The said committee consisted of representative from CIL,SECL,CMPDIL& Bhandara ordinance factory. Committee visited 35 places and submitted their report on vendor rating of explosives in NCL.The Central Mining Research Institute (CMRI), Dhanbad evaluates the quality of explosives on random sampling basis regularly.

(d) & (e): The distribution of explosives is being carried out as per the provisions of Indian Explosives Act 1884 and CoalMines Regulations 1957. In NCLmajor quantity of explosives used is bulk explosives. This type of explosives is prepared at the site of use and there is no proposal to carry out distribution of bulk explosives through stores. Explosives other than bulk explosives are stored and distributed from explosives magazine of respective project.